

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PARK OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT (O&M)

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO
FRASIER

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON
WOOD

OTHERS PRESENT:

VOTING MEMBERS:

ROBERT BLAIS, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE GEORGE
KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CONOVER
LEGGETT
MONTESI
SIMPSON
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
FRED AUSTIN, FORT WILLIAM HENRY
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 30, 2016 meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/om/>

Mr. Merlino called the meeting of the Park Operations & Management (O&M) Committee to order at 10:24 a.m.

Motion was made by Mayor Blais, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to Correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to the Committee members, a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the agenda review with the Action Agenda/New Business section, privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Blais, Mayor of the Village of Lake George, who presented a request to appropriate \$3,809.42 from Budget Code A.691.07, Deferred Revenue Gaslight Village, to Budget Code A.1625 413, Gaslight Village Property, Repair and Maintenance for maintenance costs associated with Gaslight Village Property, as well as to authorize reimbursement to the Village of Lake George.

Motion was made by Chairman Geraghty, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to the Referral/Pending Items portion of the agenda, Mayor Blais informed he had received a letter on August 9, 2016 stating that the grant the Committee had previously approved him to apply for through Senator Little's Office for the temporary stage had been awarded for \$200,000, but he was told it would take some time to receive the necessary paperwork to secure the funds. Chairman Geraghty informed that if the grant was from the Dormitory Authority, it could take up to a year and a half to

receive the funding. Mayor Blais estimated the cost of the stage to be approximately, \$275,000, leaving \$75,000 to be funded locally, possibly through Occupancy Tax funds.

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Mayor Blais apprised that the Clydesdale event on August 18th had over 1,000 attendees and even though the parade had to be cancelled due to rain, it was still a tremendous success. He then spoke of upcoming events which included the Adirondack Nationals Car Show, American Music Festival, Adirondack Independence Music Festival and the Grand Opening Ceremony for the Charles R. Wood Park scheduled for October 4, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. which would include a luncheon.

Next, Mayor Blais informed of the events planned for 2017 which included the Northeastern Barbershop Quartet Festival, tow truck show, the Wild Adriatic Music Festival, a wood carvers exposition and competition, Circus Smirkus, and a proposed Law Enforcement Week Competition which would include activities such as a motorcycle rodeo, K-9 competition, boxing, flag football, urban assault and ju jitsu. He explained he would be working with a committee of representatives from the New York City Police Department as well as a local committee consisting of members from the Warren County and Washington County Sheriff's Offices, the New York State Police, the Hudson Falls Police and possibly the Glens Falls Police. He said seminars would be included as a way to attract more participation and overnight stays. He commented he envisioned this being the "next Americade".

Privilege of the floor was extended to Leisa Grant, Principal Account Clerk for the Tourism Department, who requested committee approval to transfer \$1,500 paid by the Village of Lake George for the Shriner's Circus use of the Festival Commons and \$1,500 paid for the British Invasion event to apply towards the American Music Festival.

Motion was made by Mayor Blais, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request.

Next, Ms. Grant requested to authorize a reduced fee of \$250 for partial use of the Festival Commons for King George Fishing Derby July 8 – 10, 2016.

Motion was made by Chairman Geraghty, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request and necessary resolution was authorized for the September 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mayor Blais stated the carrier for the liability insurance held for the Skate Park had sent a notice that the Park was not designed for bikes and as a result they would be increasing the insurance premium by \$275 if BMX bikes were going to be used there. He said he had a letter from the designer stating it was designed for bikes; however, he continued, the insurance company had also indicated the Park must have someone there to enforce safe operations and provide strong warnings and rules for the Park. A brief discussion ensued following which it was determined to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Park Operations & Management Committee, on motion made by Mrs. Frasier and seconded by Chairman Geraghty, Mr. Merlino adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board